

# PROCLAMATION

BY THE

## Governor of the State of Texas

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TO ALL TO WHOM THESE PRESENTS SHALL COME:

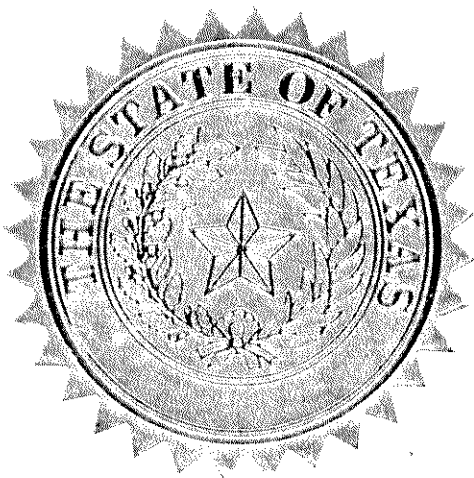
Pursuant to Article IV, Section 14, of the Texas Constitution, I, Rick Perry, Governor of Texas, do hereby disapprove of and veto House Bill No. 3457 as passed by the Eightieth Texas Legislature, Regular Session, because of the following objections:

House Bill No. 3457 would prohibit school buses from idling while parked on a school campus or at a school event under certain circumstances.

I believe educators should be focusing on more pressing priorities, such as: teaching a standards-based curriculum; providing a classroom environment conducive to children with special needs; providing free lunch for students from low-income families; providing a safe learning environment; providing extra-curricular activities such as athletics, the arts and band; providing a bilingual education to more than 600,000 students who speak English as a second language; operating day and after-school programs, and; providing after-hour tutoring services. These are the core functions of our education system. If schools believe they should also regulate and enforce school bus idling policies, I think they should do so, not because it is mandated by the state, but because they have chosen to do so as a matter of policy decided on the local level.

I am also concerned that schools would have a difficult time enforcing this law with regard to the provision prohibiting a school bus engine from idling for more than the minimum time necessary to heat or cool the bus before departure.

Since the Legislature by its adjournment has prevented the return of this bill, I am filing these objections in the office of the Secretary of State and giving notice thereof by this public proclamation according to the aforementioned constitutional provision.



IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have signed my name officially and caused the Seal of the State to be affixed hereto at Austin, this 15th day of June, 2007.

**RICK PERRY**  
RICK PERRY  
Governor of Texas

ATTESTED BY:

**Roger Williams**  
ROGER WILLIAMS  
Secretary of State

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